

Council, and the 2002 Kansas Reading Association Professional Literacy Award.

Her survivors also include two sons, Brent Getty, Lawrence, and Marc Getty, Kansas City, Mo.; three brothers, Larry Roeder, Hiawatha, Dan Roeder, Overland Park, and Dave Roeder, Washington, D.C.; and two sisters, Kathryn Roeder, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Karen Underwood, Los Angeles.

Her body was cremated. Rosary will be recited at 2 p.m. Sunday at Dengel & Son Mortuary, where the family will meet friends immediately following. Family inurnment will be later.

A memorial has been established with the Franklin County Literature Festival. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family through dengelmortuary@sbcglobal.net.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this body passed the United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act (H.R. 1561).

H.R. 1561 will begin outsourcing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's patent search function and it will increase the fees for inventors to obtain a patent or trademark. Yesterday's passage of H.R. 1561 will also lead to decreased efficiency and accountability in the process of granting patents and trademarks.

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants the federal government the responsibility to "promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." H.R. 1561 increasingly shifts this function out of the hands of the federal government and delegates more of it to private commercial entities. What's more, due to the ambiguous language of the bill, these jobs could end up overseas. Congress should defend the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and the employment prospects of American workers.

As my colleagues may know, I hold a patent for a system to generate solar energy. That experience sensitized me to the reality that many of the most ground-breaking ideas and products that need patent or trademark protection come from small inventors or college or university laboratories. Therefore, it is vital that the financial hurdles for application and receipt of patents do not exceed the means of these inventors. H.R. 1561 would increase the fees that small entities must pay in order to obtain a patent or trademark, and the impending outsourcing will force the fees up again in the future. That burden will slow innovation. I recognize the need to pass meaningful legislation that will help the USPTO to alleviate their backlog of pending patent and trademark applications, in order to efficiently serve the innovators that keep this nation moving forward. Rather than achieving this worthy goal, this bill will make it more difficult for American inventors to obtain the legal protection that they and their products deserve. As much as I would like to see the work of the USPTO improved, I could not support H.R. 1561.

IN HONOR OF ALAN APFELBAUM

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Apfelbaum for his years of service and dedication to the Jewish community. Mr. Apfelbaum was honored at the 51st Annual Sustaining Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Bayonne Jewish Community Center in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Apfelbaum has been an active member of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center for over thirty years. He is a past president and a prior honoree at the Annual Dinner. Mr. Apfelbaum chaired the Nominating, Day Camp, Policy, and Scholarship committees, as well as the Louis Greenberg Lecture Series for the Bayonne Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Apfelbaum's commitment to the Jewish community led him to serve as president of the Bayonne Zionist District and the South Hudson Lodge of B'Nai B'rith. He served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, and is also a dedicated member of the Jewish War Veterans and the Holocaust Remembrance Day Committee.

Mr. Apfelbaum is a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving one tour of duty. After his service, Mr. Apfelbaum joined the Army Reserves in 1976 until his retirement in 1998 with the rank of Sergeant Major. Mr. Apfelbaum has received several commendations for his bravery and service to his country, such as the Army Good Conduct Medal, United States Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Medal, Air Medal, and Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals.

Mr. Apfelbaum is currently the supervisor of the Social Services Department at the Hudson County Correctional Facility in Kearny. Previously, he was the owner of Bargain Bin, a small business in Bayonne from 1987-1994.

Mr. Apfelbaum graduated from his native Bayonne High School, and received his bachelor's degree in Hebraic Studies from Rutgers University. Mr. Apfelbaum also holds a Master's Degree from New Jersey City University in Student Personnel Services.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Alan Apfelbaum for his dedicated service to his country and his outstanding contributions to the Jewish community in Bayonne.

HONORING REVEREND GLENDA HOPE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Glenda Hope who is receiving the TenderChamp Award from the Central City Hospitality House in San Francisco. Rev. Hope has been a tireless advocate for the poor and homeless and is deservedly being recognized for her unwavering leadership, inspiration, vision and energy.

Central City Hospitality House is an organization that serves the homeless community in San Francisco's Tenderloin district. The

TenderChamp award has been given out to organizations and individuals for their work in the Tenderloin community since 1986.

Glenda is the Executive Director of San Francisco Network Ministries. She, with seven others, founded Network Ministries in 1972 and under her leadership the organization reaches thousands of poor and homeless people through programs that address a wide array of issues related to poverty. San Francisco Network Ministries received the TenderChamp award in 1989 for "nourishing the spirit of the poor and being their advocate of change." It is fitting that Glenda is being individually recognized for the depth and longevity of her work.

Rev. Hope attended San Francisco Theological Seminary and after graduating in 1969 she was ordained at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. She served as their Assistant Pastor from 1969-1972, then as Pastor to Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church from 1978-1989.

Glenda has had a long career in community service, working with Northern California Committee Against More Prisons, Tenderloin AIDS Network, the San Francisco Homeless Task Force and as the Chairperson to the General Assembly's Task Force to Persons in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Glenda Hope has been an active and outspoken community leader for her entire life. Her efforts on behalf of the community's less fortunate reflect the heartfelt compassion that infuses her life and her work. I am proud of her and I am honored to be her friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETE DAGUERRE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Pete Daguerre, a remarkable woman who has overcome great obstacles in her life to serve her community. Pete, a resident of Montrose, Colorado, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis over forty years ago, but despite the effects of this debilitating disease, she has thrived as a successful writer and public servant. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her accomplishments and her strength to overcome difficult obstacles before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Pete was already an accomplished writer before she was diagnosed with MS. Refusing to remain idle as the effects of the disease began to set in, she instead concentrated on her writing as a means of coping with the disease. Pete has spent over twenty years writing columns for the Montrose Daily Press that serve to inform its readership of activities in not only her nursing home but in other homes around the community. In addition to her writing, she has remained active in public service, and continues to volunteer her time for the greater good of her community. Pete served as the Ouray County public treasurer for six years, and is now vice-president of the residency council at the San Juan Living Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Pete Daguerre is a person of unparalleled dedication and commitment to her life-long pursuit of